# National Commission Will Be Ignored By Griffith In His Fight For Gedeon

# GRIFFITH WILL GO TO THE LATEST STYLES IN ALIBIS FOR LOSERS **COURT WITH GEDEON** CASE, IF NECESSARY

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

In order to retain possession of Joe Gedeon, sold by Harry Sinclair, the Federal League mogul, to the New York Yankees, Manager Griffith will ignore any ruling by the National Commission and take his troubles to court. His fighting blood is up by the latest sale of players by

"They can't pull anything on me without a fight," explains the Old Fox. "I believe I have a legal claim-not a baseball claim, mind you -on Gedeon's services for the 1916 season and, before letting the New York club, or any other club, steal him from me, I'll go to court. In hattling for this player, I shall wholly ignore the National Commission. I respect the commission, think it a great organization which has done a lot of good, but when it comes to signing players, I've been dealing in the law of this country for the past two years. Therefore, I have nothing to do with the National Commission in this Gedeon case.

"Today I have taken up this matter, first with Jim Gilmore and Harry Sinclair. I have explained to them my position, hoping that they will see it as I see it. I believe that Gedeon was under contract with the Washington club when he signed with the Feds and that, on that account, he cannot hold Sinclair to the letter of that contract he

## GRIFF EXPLAINS HIS POSITION.

"When Gedeon became homesick and wanted to go back to California in the middle of 1914, he signed a contract for \$2,100 for the following season of 1915. He also accepted a cash payment of for his services in 1916. This was not written into the contract, but was paid in cash, cold turkey. Last year I let him play with Salt Lake and did not order him to report here, though he was still signed by the Washington club. There is the only possible quibble which might upset my case, the fact that he played with Salt Lake and not with

"Last fall he agreed to my terms for 1916 and then, receiving an offer from the Feds, he wrote no more to me. had a hard time learning the truth of the report that he had signed with the Feds. Apparently he did sign with the Feds. accepting a bonus of \$1,000 for signing a contract calling for \$4,000.

"It was suggested to me that I take over this Federal League contract and keep Gedeon. This I have refused to do, have from the beginning refused to have any dealings with the Federal League and I maintain my course to the end. So far as I am concerned, the

who seem to be good business men, that Gedeon cannot hold them to the letter of a Federal League contract because when he signed it he was already under contract to the Washington club, I shall go to court to protect my rights. "If the Yankees take Gedeon, it will be retting more than plain theft." be nothing more than plain theft. I don't believe Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert will turn a trick like that. But, even if they do, I shall find plenty opportunities to get even later."

Manager Griffith's wrath has been stirred up by the sale of Joe Gedeon. Nick Cullop and Herman Schaefer to the New York Yankees. The New York club has agreed to take ever the Federal League contracts of these three. Owing to the illness of Sinclair, Pat Powers acted for him and, while the actual figures were not made public, it is thought that Cullop cost the Yankees \$10,000 and Gedeon just half. Yankees \$10,000 and Gedeon just half

Cullop, who jumped the Cleveland ub for the Feds, was a success last ear with Kansas City, winning 22 mes and losing 11. Gedeon was the sensation of the Pacific Coast League last year, playing second base with Salt Lake. He fielded for .952 and hit for .317 in 190 games. Herman Schaefer was utility man and comedian with the Newark Feds last year, and is expected to keep Polo Grounds fans happy all next summer. was the sensation of the Pa-

The house cleaning goes merrily on in Cleveland. Lee Fohl is sparing no pains to get rid of those minor leagues he tried out last season. Today it is announced that he has sent Jimmy Eschent, the former Jersey City outfielder, to New Orleans, "Red" Bluhm, first bases man, and Juck Brenton, pitcher, have already been released to the Pelicans, Within a day or so the following will also start for the bushes, at least as far as their contracts go: Second base, man Miller, Third Baseman Stansbury, both to New Orleans, Pitcher "Lefty" James, Outfielder Massey, and Catcher Deberry, all to Louisville, and Second Baseman Hammond and Outfielder Nixon to Portland, Ore, Manager Fohl is becoming real rough with those bushers of his.

\*\*Sac City, to which club Manager Griffith Ramy clear Griffith Ramy of the may retire from the Millard; can also promote the fight. Didn't large plock, manager below the senson, and Juck Breaton, pitcher, have all season, and Juck Breaton, pitcher, have a contract with nim is lose of the Wilard Moran fight. Philadelphia offered \$2,000 for six rounds, but even if I dishit have a contract with nim is least for his lose and idn't large plock, manager fohl in London."

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the club in 1910."
Stalling also admitted that he is Stalling also admitted that he is angling for several former Federal Leaguers. "If I connect I'll give Mc-Graw the time of his life next year."

Engineer Corps Quint Wants Some Opposition continued the Braves' manager.

## How the Yanks Are Seeking That Flag

Within ten days the New York Yankees have purchased the following players, expected to put the team in the 1916 pennant race:

Lee Magee, second to Kauff as a Federal League batsman. Nick, Cullop, southpaw pitcher, with excellent record in Kansas City last season.

Joe Gedeon, most promising in-fielder in Pacific Coast League

it is recalled that the Yanks have about fifty men on their roster, can you blame New Yorkers for coming to the support of the club?

Stevenson. Monte Prieste, right-handers thave any dealings with the Federal League and I maintain my course to the Feds have never existed when it comes to dealing with ball players. If Gedeen had played with the Feds, I would let him go without a struggle. But, in last league contract and I believe I can prove this.

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Fred Clarke, retired manager of the of any heavyweight in years. Pittsburgh Pirates, may become an oil magnate. He has bought an 800-acre ranch, with rights to all surrounding land up to 6,000 acres. Oil has already been found, and he may be a millional.

Jesse Burkett, former major league anybody else sestar, is out of baseball now for the first his next fight.

White Sox star southpaw, may manage the Denver Western League club this season.

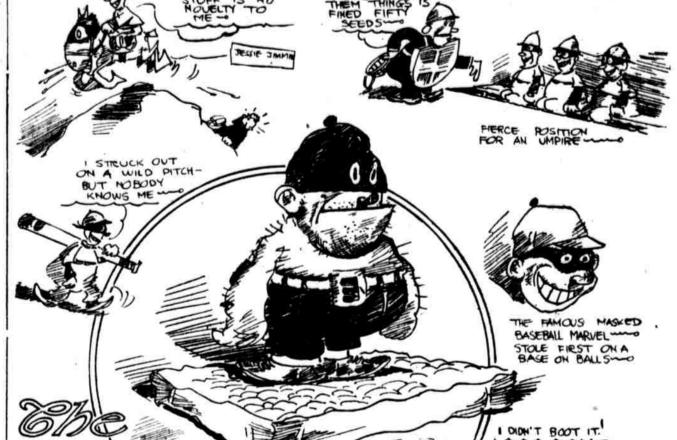
The New York Giants have dropped NEW YORK, Jan. 22 - Martin Bogue,

The New York Giants have dropped Third Baseman Dyer to Denver in the Western League, and Manager McGraw announces that he will keep the fans of the Metropolis busy for the next few weeks following the trails of his releases.

George Stallings, manager of the Braves, likes New Yorkers, and so he Braves, likes New Yorkers, likes New Y

Twenty-seven Brooklyn Dodgers will report at Daytona, Pla. on March 10 according to the orders issued today by Manager Wilbert Robinson. Those receiving orders to report are:

Pitchers—Nap Rucker, John Walter (Duster) Mails, Rube Marquard, Sherred Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith, left-handers, Wheezer Dell, son is six games played and a perged Smith left-handers with Fort Who and Moran \$15,000. Willard to get Uni



# Moran May Lose Crack TWO BREEDS WILL At Ring Championship

Jack Curley Says That Jim Coffey May Be Substituted for Man Who Beat Him Twice-New York

Raleigh Altchison, Leon Cadore, Chabek and Goodbread, pitchers, and Willedgers.

Zimmerman, Smythe, and Nixon, outfielders.

American Association writers insist that Ed Gharrity the voinger catcher coming to the Griffmen for a trial, will develop into another Ray Schalk.

Ered Clarke, retired wears and solution of any heavyweight in years.

Intimated that Moran must either do as willard, neavy-buildogs. Already a number of entries weight champion, and Tom Jones, his have been received, and the classes will shave been received, a

SUGGESTS AN IDEA FOR BASEBALL

been found, and he may be a millionaire mistake in giving Willard a 45 per cent

In five weeks more the call to arms of \$2,500.

"I want it understood," said Promoter Jack Curley today, "that those men with Louisville for utility roles.

I want it understood, said Promoter Jack Curley today, "that those men who are now making bids for a Willard-Moran bout are wasting their time. There's not a chance in the world of lard-Moran bout are wasting their time. There's not a chance in the world of anybody else securing Jess' services for Doc White, former Georgetown and White Sox star southers are supposed by the souther southers and somebody else will be given the match. "Willard wants to fight before he re-turns to the circus in April. There are three heavyweights who have alreads offered to meet Willard on a fair guar-John Ganzel, last year's manager of the Brookfeds, following the resignation of Lee Magee, has appeared in New York. All the sporting writers, who like Ganzel, were grieving for his future, but he announces that he has a three-put he announces that he had a three-put he announces that he had a three-put he

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Yet to Be Determined

YORK, Jan. 22—Martin Bogue.

lic that I have with and signature for his next fight, and he will fight for me here in April, and if Moran insists on dictating terms some other fighter will get the match. I haven't seen Moran, but he'll have to come to me and accept reasonable terms if he wants to get the first crack at the title."

in the ring at Madison Square Garden the latter part of March, but if Tom Jones still maintains that Willard can-Wants Some Opposition not fight before April, I will yield on that point as well."
"Tex" Rickard and "Sam" McCracken,

hardest of uphill battles. Central led charge by 14 to 12 at the end of the first half. and seemed sertined to take the meas-Marbury, captain of Central, played a that, Collies, J. great game for the dark blue team and kept his five in the running. Bill Cul-

J. Miller got fairly going for the Preps in the second half, and scored seven goals from the floor one period. keeping his team in the running. Henry Lee, of St. Albans, one of the youngest and lightest players in the circuit play-ed a creditable game for St. Albans.

# Pommern Will Race.

LONDON, Jan. 22.-Solly Jool, the owner of Pommern, and who has just returned from South Africa, has de-cided not to retire his crack racehorse from the track. At the close of last senson Pommern was booked for the stud, with the honors of winning the triple crown of English racing year, the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger.

# Stecker Defeats Burns.

BOSTON, Jan. 22.-Joe Stecker's widely famed leg scissors hold was too was putting up a fast argument much for all the science that cyclone Burns, the Boston mat man, could mus ter in last night's match here. He was downed in straight falls by the Ne-

## Farnum to Lead Team. PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 22.-Mark

Vigilants to Meet. The Vigilant Athletic Club will hold an important meeting tonight at Loyal Legion Hall, 419 Tenth street northwest, and all members and friends of the independent gridironers are urgently re-

Tufts Plays Here. MEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 22.-Tufts Col-

Bulldogs and Collies to Feature Wetzel Club Match at New Ebbitt

February 3, at 9 o'clock, in the New Jund & Detwetter voted to buildogs and collies. C. T. Barber Barnes of Boston, Mass, will judge We the collies, and Charles A. Watson, of He or in the outfield for a minor league club.

In order to give his new youngsters opportunities. Robinson will release Raleigh Aitchison, Leon Cadore, Chabek and Goodbread, pitchers and Wille the chance to fight Willard for the title. Zimmerman, Smythe, and Nixon, outfielders.

American Association with the outfield freely on the point, that he would not stand for Moran to dictate when the big fight should be held. He intimated that Moran must either do as he wants him to do, or forever lose the chance to fight Willard for the title. This strengthens the belief in this city among the various promoters that Cur
American Association with the colles, and Charles A. Watson, of the colles, and charles A. Watson

Business Proves Winner

Over Central's Quint

Business managed to get away with Central by a \$\mathbb{L}\$-to-27 score after the hardest of uphill battles. Central led by 14 to 12 at the end of the first hair, and seemed accrimed to take the meas-tree of the Stenographers. Leonard Marbury, captain of Central, played a to the English bulldings by Miss Jean G. Hinkle and Charles A. Watson. Entries can be made with Dr. G. N. Payette, the Kenols building, at Eleventh and G streets. The public will be in vited to the matches, and an interesting evening has been promised by those in charge. E. H. Atkinson is making the arrangements, and is in charge of the committee. Entries have leen offered to the English bulldings by Miss Jean G. Hinkle and Charles A. Watson. Entries can be made with Dr. G. N. Payette, the Kenols building, at Eleventh and G streets. The public will be in vited to the matches, and an interesting evening has been promised by the charge of the committee. Entries have leen offered to the English bulldings by Miss Jean G. Hinkle and Charles A. Watson. Entries can be made with Dr. G. N. Payette, the Kenols building, at Eleventh and G streets. The public will be in vited to the matches, and an interesting evening has been promised by the indicate the committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the committee of the Committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the committee of the Committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the Committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the Committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the Committee of the Committee of the Stenographers. Leonard the Committee of Carter Burns, L. F Dyson and Fred Moore.

Mel Coogan here may get another bout tional, 3: Bethesda, 1: Metropolit, with the local man. Coogan and Lowe and Eighth Street Synagogue, 7. scrapped through twenty rounds of fast going last night.

Lowe scored a knockdown in the tenth. Lowe was unmarked, while Coogan carried a closed eye. The boxers went fifteen rounds to a draw once before this season.

# Cninese Boxer Winner

PHH ADELPHIA, Jan. 22.-J. Lew.

Pennsylvania L'ulversity's champlen Chinese boxer in the 155-pound class, disposed of his opponent in just forty-five seconds last night in the tourney staged by the boxing and wrestling classes. G. A. Raell was matched with Lew, and until he stopped a right swing

day. Jack Sayles failed even to tilt it in a ten-round bout with the champion last night. Sayles showed himself as Farnum. Brown University's crack extremely clever, but lacked a punch, tackle, has been elected captain of the When Ertle forced the fighting it was When Ertle forced the fighting it was obvious his blows carried a sting

## Keogan Quits Coaching. ST. LOUIS. Jan. 22.-George E. Keo-

gan has resigned as football coach at St. Louis University, following a storm of protest caused by the overwhelming defeat of the Billikens last Thanks-giving by the Georgetown team from Washington, D. C. An attempt to work up enthusiasm for Keogan among the student body failed, and his resignation was immediately offered to the authori-

# Throws "Masked Marvel."

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.-The "masked marvel" may now come out from behind his curtain without exciting undue Lehigh will have a relay team entered zko turned the trick, dopping the marvel in three minutes and thirty-five sec-onds of a scheduled finished match."

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# Team Averages.

High individual average, Baum-102-12. Second high individual average, Lewis-100-5. Greatest number of Strikes, Wetzel-15. Greatest number of spares. Campbell-82. High individual set, Iseman-345. High team game. Star-336. High team set, Star-1,603.

# Mt. Pleasant Track Lads Capture Silver Trophy

The track team from the Mt. Pleasant Congregational Church, at Fourteenth street and Columbia road, last night kept his five in the running. Bill Culling and shot 7 waskets for Business and 6 free tosses.

Just what can be done by efficient coaching was witnessed in the Army and Navy Prep-St. Albans contest. Coach Green's lads went out after the Generals and Admirals, and had them guessing with a 20 to 10 score in the ending of the half.

Lowe, Washington's veteran light-weight, after a twenty-round draw with guessing with a 20 to 10 score in the ending of the half.

Lowe, Washington's veteran light-weight, after a twenty-round draw with Mel Coogan here may get another bout with the local man. Coogan and Lowe the later a twenty-round draw with Mel Coogan here may get another bout with the local man. Coogan and Lowe the later at Metropolitan. 1. captured the handsome silver loving cup

# Richmond Seeks Manager. at Western in the late afternoon

see Boxer Winner

In Pennsy Tourney

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 22—Now that president Alvin M. Smith has paid \$15,000 to Jack Dunn for the local international League franchise, efforts are being made to obtain a manager for 1916. Several applications have seen received, the latest from Lew Whitler, claiming to have won pennants in Springfield. Mass., and Schnectady, N. Y.

# Tech to Play.

Diamond Contests Adopted by High School Advisers for 1916 Season.

## League Standing

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Western	4	0	1,000
Business	3	1 2	.750
A. N. P		2	.500
Central	2	2	.500
Eastern	0	4	.000
Yesterday's games-1	Bust	ness	. 32:
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20: St. Albans, 26. Next	gai	ne.	Tues-
day, at Arcade, Central	V8.	We	stern.

## By BRYAN MORSE.

Technical and Western will open the championship baseball series this spring, according to the announcement of the schedule adopted by the high school faculty advisers. The dates for the contests have not been selected as yet nor have the grounds been obtained. The order of games, however, has been named and in the event that the schedule runs through twenty games the schedule will be duplicated.

Business and Central fellow in the second contest of the title series, and Eastern and Tech come back for the third battle. The warm weather of yesterday started a lot of baseball talk among high school athletes. All of the schools are anxiously awaiting the publishing of the schedule of dates and the announcement as to whether the title contests will run into a twenty-game

This will be learned later when the American League dates are maknown. The faculty advisors adoptine order of title games as follows:

Western vs. Technical. Business vs. Central. Eastern vs. Technical. Western vs. Business.

Central vs. Technical.
Western vs. Eastern.
Central won the title last season after a four cornered tie existed between Central. Tech. Business and Western. A longer series was talked of last year and not long ago the faculty advisers went on record as favoring a twenty-game series for this season. If grounds can be obtained the series will be lengthened; four games a week being tun off according to the above list of run off according to the above list of engagements.

The Interscholastic Baskethall League may suspend operations during the week of January 31 on account of the fact that the Arcade Auditorium is being that the Arcade Auditorium is being sought for an exhibit during that week. Business and Western are scheduled to play February 1 while St. Albans and Eastern and Army and Navy Prep and Central are booked February 4.

It is expected that the games will be played at the Arcade during the next week or that Wednesdays will be given over to the league contests during Februars in order to play the three games. It may be that Tuesday and Wednes-day, February 8 and 9, will find the teams playing double headers in order to catch up on the schedule

All arrangements are completed, it is understood, to turn over the Arcade to the exhibit and it remained league to sanction the affair by arrang-

Georgetown vs. Navy today at Annapolis in what is considered a hard battle. Catholic University is in Charlottesville, Va., tackling the University of Virginia quint. Gallaudet will meet Loyola here today at Kendall Green, while George Washington will remain idle, as Washington College could not get here for its scheduled contest. get here for its scheduled contest. There are several other contests There are several other contests. The first and second teams of the Army Y. M. C. A. from Fort Myer will tackle the two teams of the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. at the Union Station Gymtonight. Carroll Institute will battle the Rolands at the Carroll Institute gym. The Boys' Y. M. C. A. team will meet the Annapolis Boy Scouts in the evening, while Western's Seconds and the Boy Scout Seconds will try conclusions at Western in the late afternoon.

Western got the long end of a 49 to 33 score on Friends in the Quaker gym yesterday in a hard fought contest. The players of both teams were handleapped by the small gym, and neither team was able to do itself justice. Western wawithout the services of Sergeant, who is out with a hard cold, and a shift was necessary in the team which worked to a disadvantage. Peine kept up his good work shooting cleven baskets from

Tech's basketball tossers will play the Georgetown Preps today in Ryan Gym. The Tech Reserves were beaten by a Company team at Business yesterday.

Company E, of Business, defeated the Tech Reserves by 12 to 10 yesterday. Friends Midgets won over Western's youngsters by 26 to 16. youngsters by 26 to 16.

# Johnny Ertle Wins. NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Johnny Ertle still wears his bantamweight grown fu-NINTH NEAR F - New Show Every Week

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